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TAGS: PFGOV, PFOR, UN, ECOSOC

SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC: U.S. PROPOSAL ON ILLICITY PAYMENTS

REF: STATE 179170

1. CALLED ON ACTING DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, AMAR KAHMOUCHE, MORNING JULY 21ST TO MAKE DEMARCHE ON OUR PROPOSAL FOR ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND TO ASCERTAIN ALGERIAN POSITION. DAHMOUCHE SAID ALGERIANS UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERNS IN THIS MATTER BUT FELT THAT QUESTION AGREEMENT ON ILLICIY PAYMENTS AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONAL COMPANIES INEXTRICABLY LINKED AND THAT IF WE MOVED TO FAST ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT WE WERE LIKELY OVERLOOK POINTS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE AND REGRET IT LATER. ALGERIANS THEREFORE PREFERRED MOVE AT SLOWER PACE THAN WE DID.

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2. I REITERATED ARGUMENTS THAT WE SAW NO CONFLICT BETWEEN

OUR PROPOSAL FOR AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND PROPOSED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, THAT WE WERE MOVING OURSELVES IN IRS AND SEC TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT ILLICIT PAYMENTS BUT IT WAS NOT SOMETHING THAT COULD BE CONTROLLED UNILATERALLY OR BILATERALLY; IT REQUIRED A MULTILATERAL APPROACH. ALGERIANS THEMSELVES INVOLVED IN SEEKING OUR COOPERATION ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS AFFECTING THEM. IT IS EVERYONE'S INTEREST THAT WE MOVE QUICKLY TO ESTABLISH WORKABLE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.

3. DAHMOUCHE SAID THAT ALGERIANS FAMILIAR WITH OUR REASONING AND SYMPATHETIC TO IDEA THAT THERE SHOULD BE SUCH AN AGREEMENT. THEY DIFFERED, HOWEVER, AS TO PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN ARRIVING AT IT.

4. ALGERIANS DID NOT FEEL THAT OUR URGENT NEED TO TAKE ACTION ON SPECIFIC PROBLEM SHOULD STAMPEDE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY INTO HASTY ACCORD WHICH WOULD AFFECT A MUCH BROADER RANGE OF SUBJECTS OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST TO EVERYONE. ILLICIT PAYMENTS WERE NOT ONLY THING TRANSNATIONAL COMPANIES WERE GUILTY OF. WHOLE RANGE OF OTHER PRACTICES MUST BE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. I REPLIED THAT URGENT ACTION NECESSARY AND ALGERIANS WOULD BE HEARING MORE FROM US.

5. COMMENT. ASSUME FROM THESE REMARKS THAT ALGERIANS ARE AMONG THOS ARGUING FOR GENERAL STUDY OF CORRUPT PRACTICES MENTIONED IN FIRST PARA REFTEL.

6. GIVEN HIGH LEVEL INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE SUBJECT FOR MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE, WHO WILL BE ULTIMATE ARBITER ALGERIAN POSITION. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES AND MESSAGE SENT, REQUEST THAT IT BE ACCOMPANIED BY FRENCH TRANSLATION. PARKER

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